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FPPC Enforcement Decisions: February 8, 2007

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on Thursday, February 8, 2007. Decisions are divided by category and include a brief summary of each case and the total amount of any administrative fine or fines in each case.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the February agenda on the FPPC website at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>. FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions proposed to the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and proposed default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC communications office at (916) 322-7761.

Campaign Reporting Violation

In the Matter of Steven Bruce Ruff and Bruce Ruff for Sheriff 2002, FPPC No. 05/258. Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Melodee A. Mathay and Accounting Specialist Bob Perna. Respondent Steven Bruce Ruff, an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff of San Diego County, and his controlled committee, Bruce Ruff for Sheriff 2002, failed to properly report the source of a \$6,000 loan on a semi-annual campaign statement filed on January 31, 2002, in violation of Government Code sections 84211, subdivision (g) (1 count). \$2,500 fine.

Statement of Economic Interests Non-Filer

In the Matter of Daniel Maxey, FPPC No. 06/860. Staff: Political Reform Consultant Teri Rindahl. Daniel Maxey, Westport County Water District Director, failed to timely file a 2005 annual statement of economic interests in violation of Government Code section 87302 (1 count). \$100 fine.

In the Matter of Julie Lopez Dad, FPPC No. 05/406. Staff: Chief of Enforcement William L. Williams, Jr. and Political Reform Consultant Jeanette Turvill. Julie Lopez Dad, Planning Commissioner for the City of Santa Monica, failed to timely file a 2004 and a 2005 annual Statement of Economic Interests in violation of Government Code section 87203 (2 counts). \$5,000 fine.

In the Matter of Michael Torr, FPPC No. 04/589. Staff: Commission Counsel Galena West and Investigator Antonio Becerra. Michael Torr, a designated employee of the Sweetwater Springs Water District, failed to timely file an annual Statement of Economic Interests for years 2003 and 2004, in violation of section 87300 of the Government Code (two counts). \$6,000 fine.

Statement of Economic Interests Non-Filer (Default Decision and Order)

In the Matter of Elizabeth Pierson, FPPC No. 05/382. Staff: Chief of Enforcement William L. Williams, Jr., and Political Reform Consultant Jeanette Turvill. Elizabeth Pierson, consultant to the City of Westminster's Community Development Department failed to file an Assuming Office Statement of Economic Interests due March 28, 2005 in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$2,000 fine.

Major Donor – Streamlined Program

Failure to Timely File Major Donor Campaign Statements. Chief Investigator Sue Straine and Political Reform Consultant Mary Ann Kvasager. The following persons and entities have entered into a stipulation for failing to file major donor campaign statements that were due during calendar year 2004 in violation of Government Code Section 84200:

- **In the Matter of Grubb & Ellis/BRE Commercial, FPPC No. 06-0561.** Grubb & Ellis/BRE Commercial of San Diego failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$53,000 (1 count). \$930 fine.
- **In the Matter of North County Trauma Associates, FPPC No. 06-0562.** North County Trauma Associates of Escondido failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$20,000 (1 count). \$800 fine.

- **In the Matter of Rodrigo Iglesias, FPPC No. 06-0766.** Rodrigo Iglesias of Los Angeles failed to timely file semi-annual campaign statements disclosing contributions totaling \$13,250 (2 counts). \$1,600 fine.
- **In the Matter of William L. Strong & Shelby C. Strong, FPPC No. 06-0849.** William L. Strong & Shelby C. Strong of Rancho Santa Fe failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$15,000 (1 count). \$800 fine.
- **In the Matter of Sofia Hernandez, FPPC No. 06-0933.** Sofia Hernandez of New York, New York failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$800 fine.

Late Contribution – Streamlined Program

Failure to Timely File Late Contribution Reports – Proactive Program. Chief Investigator Sue Straine and Political Reform Consultant Mary Ann Kvasager. The following entities have entered into a stipulation for failure to file a late contribution report in 2003 and 2004 in violation of Government Code Section 84203:

- **In the Matter of Trini Jimenez for City Council, FPPC No. 04-0551.** Trini Jimenez for City Council of Inglewood failed to timely disclose a late contribution totaling \$5,000 in 2003 (1 count). \$750 fine.
- **In the Matter of Grubb & Ellis/BRE Commercial, FPPC No. 06-1143.** Grubb & Ellis/BRE Commercial of San Diego failed to timely disclose a late contribution totaling \$50,000 in 2004 (1 count). \$3,500 fine.

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